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Ponchatoula to Host Veterans Celebration

WWII veteran to be honored as grand marshal

Tangi Times Report

On August 7, 2020, Ponchatoula, the second-largest city in Tangipahoa Parish, was designated Louisiana's first Purple Heart City. The Purple Heart medal honors military members who were wounded or killed in military service, and the city's designation recognizes Ponchatoula residents who have earned the Purple Heart medal in military service.

Last year, Tangipahoa Parish District 10 Councilwoman Strader Dufreche Cieutat conceived the idea of honoring all Tangipahoa Parish veterans at a special celebration. Cieutat, a proud and outspoken supporter of American military veterans, looked for a partner in the endeavor, and the logical choice was Tangipahoa's visage of military pride, fellow parish councilman Louis "Nick" Joseph.

She asked Joseph if they could assemble a celebration event by November of that same year (2024). In a June 2025 interview with Ken Benitez of AN17, Strader japed that Joseph responded, "There's no way!"

Joseph, who is known not only for his profound love for the American military but also for his steadfast insistence that everything military-related is presented with commensurate dignity and diligence, said that they would likely need a whole year to build a celebration worthy of the men and women who dedicated their lives to protecting our nation's values and freedom.

District 10 Tangipahoa Parish Councilwoman Strader Cieutat, left, poses with the grand marshal of the upcoming Ponchatoula Celebrates Veterans parade, WWII veteran George Van Zandt, right.

Cieutat and Joseph agreed that the inaugural event should be set in Louisiana's first Purple Heart City – Ponchatoula. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2025. The duo hope to expand this celebration into an annual event to honor the brave men and women who committed and even sacrificed their lives for our sacred American Constitution and way of life.

Every year, Ponchatoula hosts the state's largest harvest festival – the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival – in the city's Memorial Park. To kick off the biggest day of the festival each year – Saturday – a parade along the city's main street beckons the crowds and signals the beginning of the epic day.

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School Meet & Greet Survival Basics

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times
Community Journalist

Back-to-school time is nearly here again, and with it comes that slightly awkward but totally crucial ritual: the school Meet and Greet. You know the one — you shuffle into your kid's new classroom, shake hands with the brave soul who's going to spend the next nine months herding your child's brain, and pretend you remember how to make adult conversation without calling everyone "buddy."

Fear not, dear parent. A successful Meet and Greet isn't rocket science — it's just about setting the tone for a smooth, supportive year ahead. Here's how to charm your kid's teacher, get the info you need, and avoid saying something weird you'll replay in your head at 3am.

First, show up with a smile

and maybe a notepad. Your kid might bolt straight for the crayons, but you should stick close to the adult with the name badge. Introduce yourself, mention your child's name (first and last — teachers have 150 names to learn), and offer a friendly handshake if you're feeling formal.

When it's your turn to chat, try asking a few helpful questions:

What's the best way for us to communicate — email, text, carrier pigeon?

Is there anything our family can do at home to help our child succeed this year? How do you prefer to handle questions about grades or assignments? What's one thing parents forget that really helps you out?

And don't be shy about sharing a tiny tidbit about your kid — are they shy at first? Allergic to peanuts? Likely to burst into tears if they lose their favorite pencil? Teachers appreciate the heads-up.

And remember, Meet and Greet is about big picture stuff — saving the heavy conversations for a private conference later shows you respect the teacher's time and the next family waiting in line.

Finally, if you really want to win Teacher's Favorite Parent before the first homework assignment is even handed out, ask how you can pitch in. Need classroom Kleenex? Extra snacks for kids who forget theirs? Volunteer help for parties or reading time?

See MEET & GREET, Page 7

Today is National Cheesecake Day!

We have cheesecake at the Tangi Times office today. If your office doesn't, well, that's just sad.

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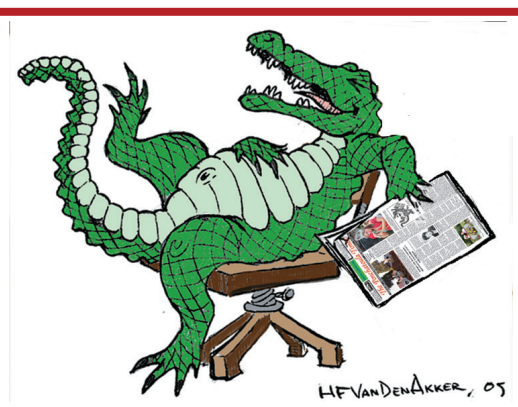

By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

Happy days to all my favorite swampies! You know, I've said this before, but I sure do miss all my loyal fans when I'm not writing to you about my illustrious life. I wish you could all be near me every day to witness how glamorous and impressive I am, and I know you wish the same.

Even though the main gator has a very busy social schedule, I like to help when and where I can. It keeps me in touch with the little people. So I was in the Tangi Times office last week, brightening up everyone's workday, when I saw someone (no names mentioned) pulling copies of the newspaper for some advertising clients. Being the gracious gator that I am, I offered to help (again, no names mentioned). Do you know what this anonymous person did? Laughed hysterically, right in my charming face. I was totally taken aback!

Then she said, "You want to help? You can't cut papers! You have You have 11-inch arms and no thumbs!" Then she slid a pair of scissors toward me and said, "Here – show me how to use these!"

Let's not gloss over the fact that she could have EASILY put out one of my sparkling eyes with that thing! In case she didn't notice, my eyes are somewhat close to the floor that she slid the scissors across. Have you ever seen an alligator with an eye patch??

Here's where it gets even worse. She then called out to the whole office and yelled, "Hey everyone, come see! Old Broadside is about to use scissors!"

I was about fed up, so I retorted, "Broadside? Are you implying that I am fat?" She (again, no names mentioned, but it rhymes with ATC) said, "Fat? Noooooo, I'm not calling you fat, Old Lardhide!"

Oh, then the whole office had a big old laugh-o-rama at the main gator's expense. Envy clearly knows no bounds.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

On July 23, 2025, the City of Ponchatoula Water Department began its annual water main flushing throughout the city. This process involves the temporary isolation of water mains and the flushing of fire hydrants to clean out the system and remove any sediment buildup. The areas flushed will be in the city limits, based on need.

During this routine maintenance, you may experience temporary low water pressure and discolored water. If discoloration occurs, we recommend running cold water through your faucets until it clears.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and we appreciate your understanding. This is part of our ongoing commitment to provide safe, clean, and reliable drinking water to the residents of Ponchatoula.

As a helpful step, we also encourage you to flush your water heaters during this time. Manufacturers recommend flushing both traditional and tankless water heaters at least once a year to maintain optimal performance and water quality.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Water Department at (985) 386-2098 or City Hall at (985) 386-6484.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to maintain and improve our city's infrastructure.

"I love our city, and I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Tuesday July 29
5:00 – 7:00 pm
St. Helena Healthy Communities
Northshore Technical Comm College
7067 LA-10, Greensburg
225-222-4136

Friday August 1
10:30 am – 4:00 pm
Blood Drive
Ochsner Health Center
41676 Veterans Ave., Hammond

Friday August 1
5 pm – 8 pm
Opening Reception of Degas Pastel Society Members Exhibition
Hammond Regional Arts Center
217 E Thomas St., Hammond

Saturday August 2
8 am
Sweetwater Grand Reopening Celebration
Sweetwater Ranch, Campground, & Riding Stables
57056 N. Cooper Rd., Loranger

Sunday August 3
3 pm
Family Fun Day
Camp Living Waters
48024 Parsonage Rd., Natalbany

Tuesday August 5
6:30 pm
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W Pine St., Ponchatoula

Wednesday August 6
5:30
TPSO Gun Safety Presentation (Pre K-5th Grade)
P. A. R. D.
19030 Ponchatoula Park Dr., Ponchatoula

Saturday August 9
6:30 – 9:30 pm
Chillin' with The Chamber 2025
Chappapeela Sports Complex
19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

MEMES are good medicine!

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
Philosophy is pondering whether the first two mean that ketchup is a smoothie.

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Tonya Aiken

Spiritual Petition

God, please help me in my anger. Please develop patience and self-control in me so I can still show love to others when I am compelled to feel angry.

Marshall Graves
Love Is the Key Outreach

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Dubious News

Hello, friends!
Ever sought sweet, sweet revenge on those who made your life senselessly harder? Well, in 2016, British filmmaker Charlie Lyne had had enough of the costly and outdated process of submitting films to the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) as a prerequisite for theatrical release. The BBFC required hefty fees and enforced censorship, which Lyne viewed as barriers to entry for independent filmmakers.
However, the BBFC was legally obligated to watch every film in its entirety to assign a rating. So, Charlie Lyne, like the true cinematic troll he is, launched a Kickstarter campaign titled "Paint Drying," raised over £5,900, and used it to submit a ten-hour film of –yes– paint drying. The BBFC was then legally required to sit through the entire thing, and they did.
It was officially rated "U" for Universal (suitable for all audiences).
According to some film reviewer (probably), "This revenge tale had a lot of dry humor and was a bit of a slow burn, but it paints a clear message."
Until next time, friends!

Happy 58th Anniversary Bob and Laura Perez!

Bob and Laura were married on July 29, 1967

Tangi Gumbo

A little bit of everything you need to know

Secretary of State Nancy Landry warns Louisiana business owners about fraudulent letters that were mailed to businesses concerning their annual reports. The letters appear to be from an entity called Business Filing powered by Firstep and threaten that a business may be administratively dissolved or revoked if they don't file their annual report through the Firstep platform by a certain date. These letters are not from the Louisiana Secretary of State's Commercial Division and should be discarded.

Business owners are encouraged to view their annual report renewals and other filings on the geauxBIZ portal at www.geauxBIZ.com. They can also call the office's Commercial Division at 225-925-4704 or email commercial@sos.la.gov. All official correspondence related to business filings will come through the geauxBIZ portal or on Secretary of State letterhead.

Secretary Landry also encourages business owners to subscribe to the agency's commercial email notification system on the geauxBIZ portal at no cost. The notification system is intended to protect businesses from fraud and generates messages regarding business filings, office closures, and potential fraudulent activity.

After years of anticipation and delays, Amazon says it plans to begin hiring this weekend for its long-awaited $40 million delivery station in Slidell, with an opening expected sometime this fall. The 140,000-square-foot facility on Town Center Parkway was first announced in 2021 with an initial target date of 2022, but that timeline was pushed back multiple times.

The company said the Slidell center, like similar delivery stations, will employ between 100 and 200 people, excluding drivers, with a starting wage of $18.50 per hour and benefits, including health insurance, a 401K with company match, and up to 20 weeks of paid parental leave. Job seekers can text NEWJOB to 31432 or visit Amazon's hiring site for more information. Local officials and economic leaders, including St. Tammany Economic Development CEO Chris Masingill, have closely tracked the project and now say the opening appears imminent. Once operational, the Slidell site will expand Amazon's presence in Louisiana, where the company says it has created 6,000 full-time jobs since 2010, including positions at a massive $200 million facility in Baton Rouge.

Tangi Schools is celebrating two of its own who were honored at the Cecil J. Picard Educator Excellence Awards Gala, with Dr. Anna Faye Caminita, Principal of Ponchatoula High School, named High School Principal of the Year, and Devonda Warren of the Explore and Learn Early Learning Center recognized as Early Childhood Leader of the Year. The district expressed pride in their accomplishments, applauding their leadership and dedication to guiding young minds and shaping the future of education in Tangipahoa Parish.

Downtown Hammond's beloved end-of-summer celebration, the Hot August Stroll, is set to return Saturday, August 23, bringing an evening of art, music, wine, and community spirit to the heart of the city. Local businesses are invited to participate in the popular Wine & Cheese Stroll or host special events in their storefronts, while artists, vendors, and food trucks can showcase their creations to hundreds of attendees. The Listening Local Stage will once again spotlight live music from local performers, with sound provided and paid gigs available.

Volunteers are also needed to help make the event a success, with opportunities to earn service hours or gain experience. The deadline to apply for all roles is Friday, August 1, and more information is available at www.downtownhammondla.com/hotaugust.

A 14-year-old has been arrested and booked into the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center on a felony count of motor vehicle theft in connection with a June 25 incident in Independence, where a 2022 black GMC Sierra Denali was stolen from the 54000 block of North Railroad Avenue around 3am. The teen is also linked to at least two other recent cases, including another vehicle theft in the same area.

The Southeastern Alumni Association is inviting graduates and supporters to the St. Tammany Alumni Happy Hour next week at Whiskey Tavern in Covington, set for Thursday, July 31, from 6 to 8pm. Attendees can look forward to an evening of good drinks, great company, and a chance to reconnect with fellow alumni while celebrating their Lion pride. The event is part of the association's ongoing efforts to strengthen connections with Southeastern Louisiana University graduates across the region. For more details or to stay updated on future events, visit the Southeastern Alumni Association's website at www.southeastern.edu/alumni.

A road rage incident on I-12 near the Holden exit ended with a suspect in custody after multiple shots were fired between vehicles around 5pm, according to the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Jason Ard confirmed no injuries were reported, but the victim's vehicle was struck several times, and a window was shattered. Responding officers from LPSO, Albany PD, and Killian PD located and seized the discarded handgun and arrested the suspect, identified as 31-year-old Trent Matthews of Ponchatoula.

Matthews will face charges including Attempted Second-Degree Murder, Illegal Use of Weapons from a Roadway, Obstruction, Aggravated Damage to Property, DUI, and related traffic offenses. The suspect's white Dodge Ram truck was also recovered, and the investigation remains ongoing.

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5/25

Albany
Circle A Hardware
Huckleberry's
Albany Express

Amite
Drive-In Drug Store
Thrift-Town HealthMart
Gabriel Building Supply
Master Chef

Bedico
Bedico Supermarket

2/25

Greensburg
Buddy's Seafood/Deli
Greensburg Family Pharmacy
Main Street Market/Deli
The Hawk's Nesting Café
Lucky Dollar Casino
A Country Store
Last Stop Money Mart

9/24

Hammond
Jeanie's - It's All Good
Doughlicious Donuts
University Donuts
CVS Hammond
Pull Clip Café
Scott's Pharmacy
Don Chaucer's Pharmacy
Bayou Booksellers
Hammond Express
Miller's Mart
Stuffed
Red White & Brew

6/24

Independence
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
Minute Man Convenience
La Potosina

3/24

Kentwood
Kentwood Pharmacy
Kentwood City Hall
The Café
Schilling's Pharmacy
Kentwood Co-op
Pizza Shack
B & D Salvage Grocery

12/23

Loranger
Gene's Greenhouses
Loranger Supermarket
Family Healthcare
Grace Filled Donuts

Montpelier
Bear Creek Western Store
Miller's Grocery
Natalbany Creek Campground
Bizzy Bee

Pine Grove
Pine Grove Auto Parts

Ponchatoula
Bohning's
Gabriel Building Supply
CVS Ponchatoula
B2 Antiques
Moss & Berry
Ponchatoula Family Pharmacy
Specialty RX Pharmacy

Robert
Robert Supermarket
Robert Pharmacy

Roseland
Sky's Pantry

Springfield
Landry-Poché Farm
Childers Grocery
P'Maw's Bait Shop

Tangipahoa
TG Mini Mart

Tickfaw
Alissa's Beauty Salon

Watch the growth of this Tangi Times retailer list!

The Tangi Times Talk of the Town!

You're in charge of the road trip playlist. What three songs are you adding first?

DeAnne Riley
Springfield

On the Road again Willie Nelson; Zippity Do Da; East Bound and Down – Jerry Reed.

Gracie Marie
Amite

Dazed and Confused- Led Zeppelin; Ascensionism - Sleep Token; The Dress – Dijon.

Kelly Johnson
Hammond

Mr. Brightside - The Killers; I Write Sins Not Tragedies - Panic at the Disco; Sugar, We're Goin Down - Fall Out Boy.

Lauren Weeg
Ponchatoula

1. Tom Petty - Runnin' Down a Dream; 2. Queen - Don't Stop Me Now; 3. Nirvana - Smells Like Teen Spirit.

Leona Ruth
Independence

On the Road Again (Willie Nelson); STILL (Bill Anderson); He Stopped Loving Her Today (George Jones).

Matthew Wood
Hammond

1 Hound dog - Elvis Presley; 2 Folsom Prison Blues - Johnny Cash; 3 Blue Christmas - Elvis Presley.

Nikki Taylor
Kentwood

Pink - Who Knew; Breaking Benjamin - Breath; Tyler Braden - Devil You Know.

Suzette Brantley
Loranger

Boston - More than a Feeling; Eagles - Hotel California; Hank Williams Jr. - Family Tradition.

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Casey Rudolph
Teresa Sheridan
Eloise Dowdy
Eddie Joe Reese
Nancy Lowentritt
Wanda Lee
Liz Fouquet
Katelyn Harper
Robbie Lee
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Rebecca Haaga
Clif Patten
Geddy Lee
Jeffrey Hammond
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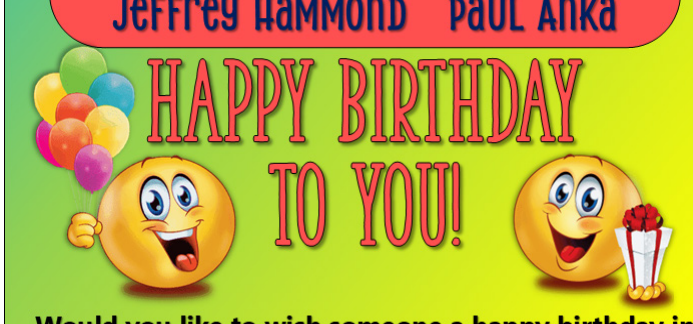

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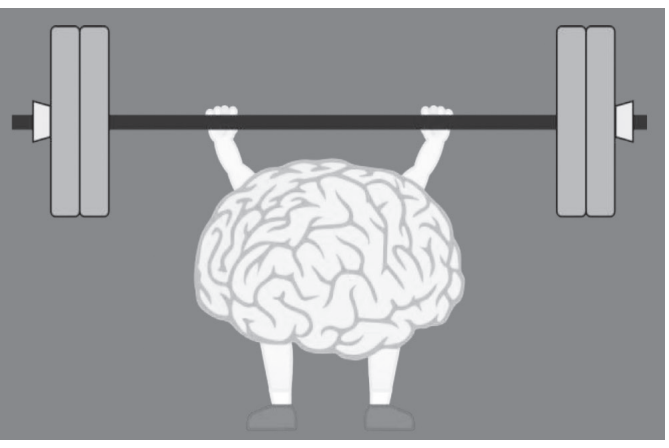


CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solve the code to discover words related to lost pets.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 11 = C)

A. 5 26 11 25 15 11 14 26 23
Clue: Identification implant

B. 10 17 1 7 14
Clue: Secures animals

C. 11 15 10 10 1 25
Clue: Worn around a pet's neck

D. 6 17 21 11 26 21 18
Clue: Property barrier

Answers: A. microchip B. leash C. collar D. fencing

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to pets.

E C S R E U

Answer: Secure

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

NOBODY NOSE

The letters N-O-S-E have been omitted from the words and phrases below. All spaces have also been removed. The letters N-O-S-E were extracted in left-to-right order, though not necessarily consecutively. For example, IROHR is IRON HORSE. See how you do.

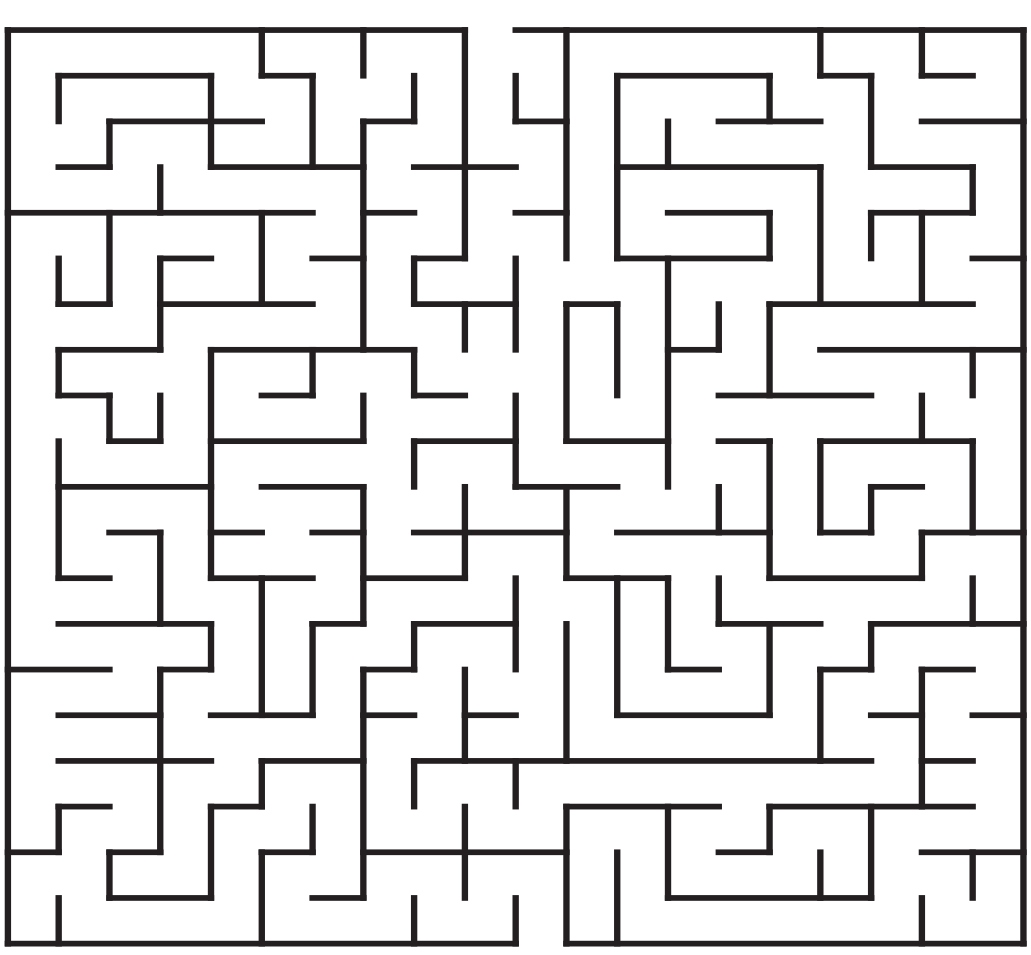
1. MAFTEL
2. SAJ
3. MAICUR
4. NMOKR
5. IOPHRE
6. CATNE
7. SWHO
8. FUHU

*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

FUN FACT

The original Ferrari Daytona in the series Miami Vice was a kit car on a Corvette chassis.

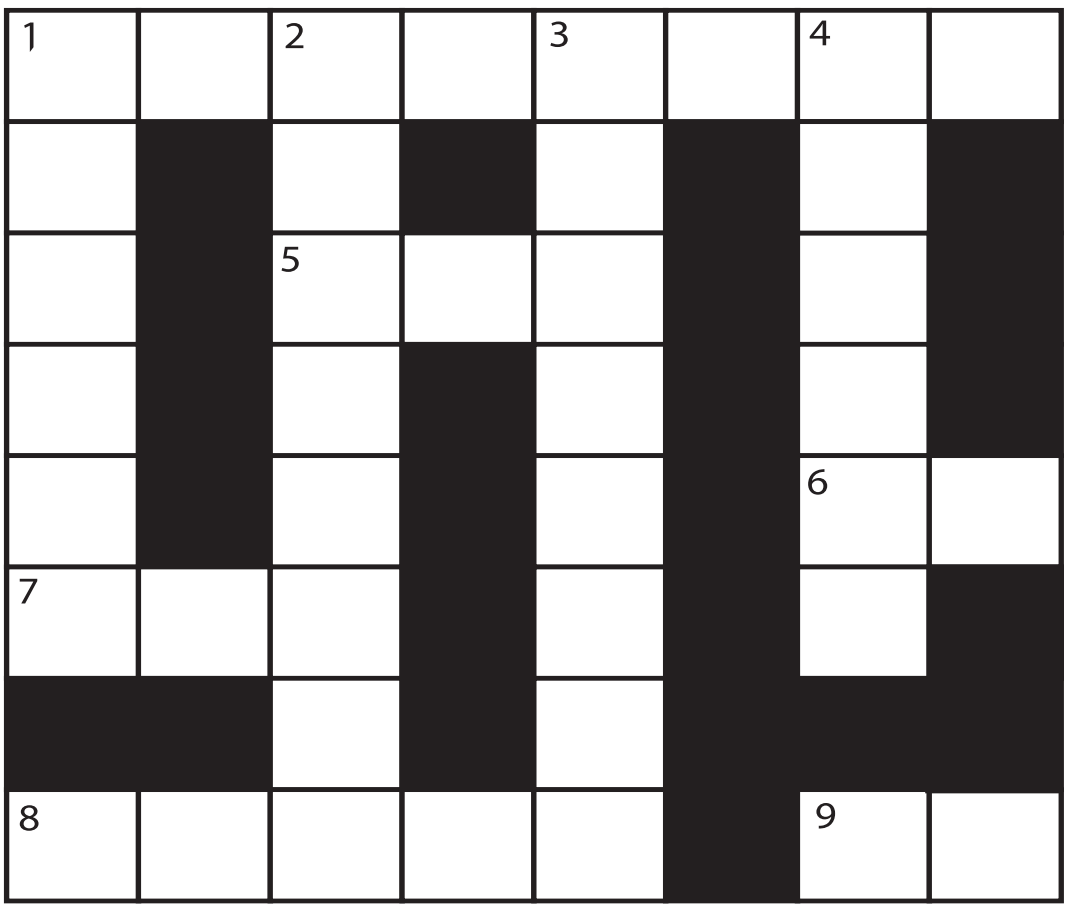
Kids' Corner



GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on July 24, 1968 in Oklahoma. I studied musical theater and opera performance in college. I won a Tony for playing a Charlie Brown character, but fans know me best as originating the role of a good witch on Broadway.

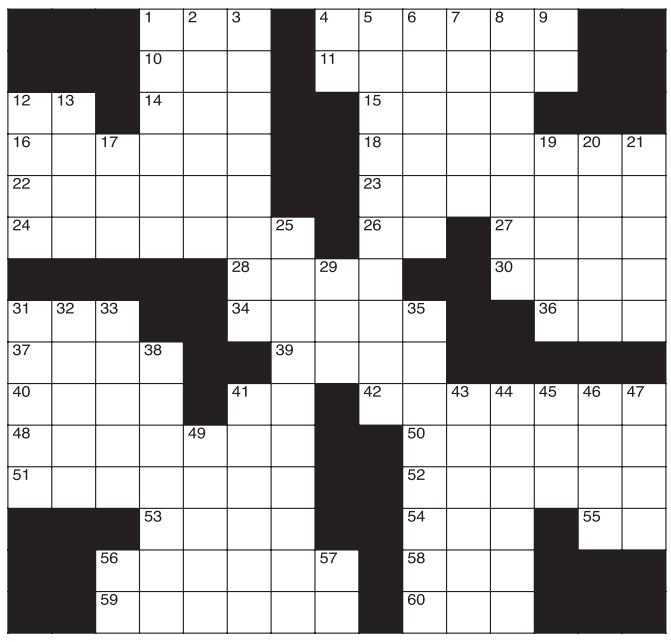
Answer: Kristin Chenoweth



ACROSS
1. Figure out the route
5. Area of land, 6. "City of Angels"
7. Breakfast food
8. Green areas used for recreation
9. Opposite of "yes"

DOWN
1. Plants, animals and the landscape
2. Person who lives in a village
3. Vacations, trips
4. Pathways to hike

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Pacific standard time
4. Extracts through heating and melting
10. Express delight
11. More curvy
12. Expression of uncertainty
14. Indicates before
15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
16. Southwestern CA city
18. Unified
22. Less attractive
23. Base of jellies
24. A large and noisy party
26. He was traded for Luka
27. Wolverine genus
28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
30. Root of taro plant
31. Student environmental group (abbr.)
34. Silk garments
36. Unique power
37. Ray Liotta cop film
39. Leak slowly through
40. Notion
41. Atomic #55
42. Fixed in one place
48. About heat
50. Type of baseball pitch
51. Seedless raisin
52. Large wading birds
53. Similar
54. Time zone
55. Atomic #34
56. Program
58. Old world, new
59. Contrary belief
60. "To the __ degree"

CLUES DOWN

1. Plain-woven fabric
2. Classed
3. Suppositions
4. Midway between south and west
5. Tropical American trees
6. Leveled
7. Published false statement
8. Adolescent
9. Junior's father
12. Aurochs
13. Not low
17. Boxing's GOAT
19. Short musical composition
20. Small immature herrings
21. Eavesdropper
25. Parcels of land
29. Anger
31. Irritations
32. Hindu holy man
33. Wicker basket for fish
35. Natural object
38. Transporting in a vehicle
41. A dog is one
43. Smaller portion
44. Sew
45. Belonging to a thing
46. Horsley and Greenwood are two
47. Scottish language
49. Producer
56. Exclamation of surprise
57. Russian river

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WORD SEARCH

PROTECT PETS WORD SEARCH

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Legal and Public Notices

T.P. Resolution No. R25-22

A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a four (4) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintenance, operation and development of its Parish health units and for the promotion and conservation of public health; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, desires to order and call a special election to be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a four (4) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintenance, operation and development of its Parish health units and for the promotion and conservation of public health (the "Tax"); and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 30 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended (the "Constitution"), La. R.S. 39:801 and the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Election Code"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election (the "Election") be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the said Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters residing in the Parish, qualified and entitled to vote at the said Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of four (4) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $3,168,487.33 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax") for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintenance, operation and development of its Parish health units and for the promotion and conservation of public health?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Special Election. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285, a Notice of Special Election concerning the Election will be published in the Tangi Times (the "Official Journal"), a newspaper of general circulation within the Parish, and is the official journal of the Parish, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the Election, which notice will be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to the same extent as if it were set forth in full.

SECTION 3. Canvass of Election Returns. This Governing Authority will meet on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the official election returns and declare the results of the said Election, pursuant to Section 1292 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Polling Places; Commissioners. The polling places set forth in the attached Notice of Special Election, and situated within the corporate limits of the Parish, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which the Election will be held. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Board of Election Supervisors to serve at the Election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners to serve at the polling places designated for the Election.

SECTION 5. Designation of Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge. As required in La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, will hold the Election as herein provided solely in compliance with the provisions of Parts II and V of the Election Code, as amended, and will make due returns of said Election in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Election Code. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in each precinct and residing in the Parish are entitled to vote at the Election.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Clerk. The Clerk of the Governing Authority, be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers, in ample time for the holding of said Election, the necessary equipment, forms and other items which may be required in order to hold said Election. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the Election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the special Election herein called in order that each may prepare for said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Estimated Collections. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1284(C), an estimated $3,168,487.33 is reasonably anticipated at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

SECTION 9. Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the special proposition Election in the Parish, as previously specified herein, said Election to be held within the Parish on Saturday, November 15, 2025, and in the event the aforesaid proposition is carried for consent and authorization to levy and collect the Tax provided for by said proposition in the amount, for the purpose and for the number of years herein specified; and that a certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of such application.

SECTION 10. Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to this Resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Such announcement was also transmitted via email to State Senators and Representatives on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

On motion by Mayeaux and seconded by Joseph, the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 14th day of July, 2025 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Vial, Cieutat
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wells, Hyde
NOT VOTING: None

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge — /s/ David Vial
Jill DeSouge, Clerk — David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council — Tangipahoa Parish Council
/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the Parish, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of four (4) mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated $3,168,487.33 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax") for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintenance, operation and development of its Parish health units and for the promotion and conservation of public health?

The said special election will be held at each and every polling place situated within the boundaries of the Parish, which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541).

The polling places at the precincts situated within the boundaries of the Parish, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law pursuant to Section 1286(A) or Section 1286.1, as the case may be, of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $131,900.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.
/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council
ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council
/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on July 14, 2025, ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a four (4) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Parish for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintenance, operation and development of its Parish health units and for the promotion and conservation of public health; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature as Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

Publish: July 30
Cost of notice: $ 144.00

T.P. Resolution No. R25-23

A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), of Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), desires to order and call a special election to be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District (the "Tax"); and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District, that:

Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended (the "Constitution"), Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Election Code"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election (the "Election") be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters residing in the District, qualified and entitled to vote at the said Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $81,314.32 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

Publication of Notice of Special Election. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285, a Notice of Special Election concerning the Election will be published in the Tangi Times (the "Official Journal"), a newspaper of general circulation within the District, and is the official journal of the District, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than fortyfive (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the Election, which notice will be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to the same extent as if it were set forth in full.

Canvass of Election Returns. This Governing Authority will meet on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the official election returns and declare the results of the Election, pursuant to Section 1292 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Polling Places; Commissioners. The polling places set forth in the attached Notice of Special Election, and situated within the corporate limits of the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which the Election will be held. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Board of Election Supervisors to serve at the Election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners to serve at the polling places designated for the Election.

Designation of Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge. As required in La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, will hold the Election as herein provided solely in compliance with the provisions of Parts II and V of the Election Code, as amended, and will make due returns of said Election in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Election Code. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in each precinct and residing in the District are entitled to vote at the Election.

Authorization of Clerk. The Clerk of the Governing Authority, be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers, in ample time for the holding of the Election, the necessary equipment, forms and other items which may be required in order to hold the Election. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the Election.

Furnishing Election Call. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the Election herein called in order that each may prepare for said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

Estimated Collections. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1284(c), an estimated $81,314.32 is reasonably anticipated at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the special proposition Election in the District, as previously specified herein, said Election to be held within the District on Saturday, November 15, 2025, and in the event the aforesaid proposition is carried for consent and authorization to levy and collect the Tax provided for by said proposition in the amount, for the purpose and for the number of years herein specified; and that a certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of such application.

Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to this Resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Such announcement was also transmitted via email to State Senators and Representatives on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

On motion by Joseph and seconded by Mayeaux, the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 14th day of July, 2025 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Vial, Cieutat
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wells, Hyde
NOT VOTING: None

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge /s/ David Vial
Jill DeSouge, Clerk — David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council — Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish
EXHIBIT A
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $81,314.32 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/044 (PART OF)	Northshore Technical Community College, 111 Pride Avenue, Hammond
00/141 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/141A	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/143 (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond
00/143A (PART OF)	Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $15,700.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.
/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council
ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council
/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on July 14, 2025, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 2 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature as Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of the District, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

Publish: July 30
Cost of notice: $ 152.50

T.P. Resolution No. R25-24

A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), of Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), desires to order and call a special election to be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District (the "Tax"); and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District, that:

Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended (the "Constitution"), Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Election Code"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election (the "Election") be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters residing in the District, qualified and entitled to vote at the said Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall the Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $63,415.74 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

Publication of Notice of Special Election. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285, a Notice of Special Election concerning the Election will be published in the Tangi Times (the "Official Journal"), a newspaper of general circulation within the District, and is the official journal of the District, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the Election, which notice will be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to the same extent as if it were set forth in full.

Canvass of Election Returns. This Governing Authority will meet on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the official election returns and declare the results of the Election, pursuant to Section 1292 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Polling Places; Commissioners. The polling places set forth in the attached Notice of Special Election, and situated within the corporate limits of the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which the Election will be held. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Board of Election Supervisors to serve at the Election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners to serve at the polling places designated for the Election.

Designation of Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge. As required in La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, will hold the Election as herein provided solely in compliance with the provisions of Parts II and V of the Election Code, as amended, and will make due returns of said Election in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Election Code. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in each precinct and residing in the District are entitled to vote at the Election.

Authorization of Clerk. The Clerk of the Governing Authority, be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers, in ample time for the holding of the Election, the necessary equipment, forms and other items which may be required in order to hold the Election. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the Election.

Furnishing Election Call. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the Election herein called in order that each may prepare for said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

Estimated Collections. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1284(c), an estimated $63,415.74 is reasonably anticipated at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the special proposition Election in the District, as previously specified herein, said Election to be held within the District on Saturday, November 15, 2025, and in the event the aforesaid proposition is carried for consent and authorization to levy and collect the Tax provided for by said proposition in the amount, for the purpose and for the number of years herein specified; and that a certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of such application.

Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to this Resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Such announcement was also transmitted via email to State Senators and Representatives on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

On motion by Ingraffia and seconded by Cieutat, the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 14th day of July, 2025 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Vial, Cieutat
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wells, Hyde
NOT VOTING: None

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge — /s/ David Vial
Jill DeSouge, Clerk — David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council — Tangipahoa Parish Council
/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish
EXHIBIT A
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tan-

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Legal and Public Notices

gipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to renew the levy of a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated $63,415.74 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) (the "Tax"), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT POLLING PLACE

00/044 (PART OF) Northshore Technical Community College, 111 Pride Avenue, Hammond

00/141 (PART OF) Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

00/143 (PART OF) Hammond Area Recreation District-Chappapeela Park, 19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $12,800.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council
ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council
/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on July 14, 2025, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 4 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "District") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of providing and maintaining electric lights on the streets, roads, alleys and public places in the District; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature as Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of the District, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

Publish: July 30
Cost of notice: $143.50

T.P. Resolution No. R25-25

A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2027, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2036, the proceeds of said tax to provide funds to be used entirely and exclusively to acquire, improve and equip the system of road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the District, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "*Governing Authority*"), of Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), desires to order and call a special election to be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2027, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2036, the proceeds of said tax to provide funds to be used entirely and exclusively to acquire, improve and equip the system of road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the District, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith (the "*Tax*"); and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the District, that:

Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended (the "*Constitution*"), Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "*Election Code*"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election (the "*Election*") be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541), and that at the Election there shall be submitted to all registered voters residing in the District, qualified and entitled to vote at the said Election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)

Shall Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa ("Road Lighting District No. 7") be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of Road Lighting District No. 7 (the "Tax") (an estimated $59,392.46 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2027, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2036, the proceeds of said Tax to provide funds to be used entirely and exclusively to acquire, improve and equip the system of road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of Road Lighting District No. 7, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith?

Publication of Notice of Special Election. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1285, a Notice of Special Election concerning the Election will be published in the *Tangi Times* (the "*Official Journal*"), a newspaper of general circulation within the District, and is the official journal of the District, once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than fortyfive (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for the Election, which notice will be substantially in accordance with the Notice of Special Election annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, to the same extent as if it were set forth in full.

Canvass of Election Returns. This Governing Authority will meet on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the official election returns and declare the results of the Election, pursuant to Section 1292 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

Polling Places; Commissioners. The polling places set forth in the attached Notice of Special Election, and situated within the corporate limits of the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which the Election will be held. Pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Board of Election Supervisors to serve at the Election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners to serve at the polling places designated for the Election.

Designation of Commissioners and Commissioners-in-Charge. As required in La. R.S. 18:1286(B), the officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, will hold the Election as herein provided solely in compliance with the provisions of Parts II and V of the Election Code, as amended, and will make due returns of said Election in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Election Code. The compensation of said officers be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum prescribed by law. All registered voters in each precinct and residing in the District are entitled to vote at the Election.

Authorization of Clerk. The Clerk of the Governing Authority, be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers, in ample time for the holding of the Election, the necessary equipment, forms and other items which may be required in order to hold the Election. The Clerk of the Governing Authority is further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the Election.

Furnishing Election Call. In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(B)(1), certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana and the Registrar of Voters in and for said Parish, as notification of the Election herein called in order that each may prepare for said Election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

Estimated Collections. Pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1284(c), an estimated $59,392.46 is reasonably anticipated at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year.

Application to State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the special proposition Election in the District, as previously specified herein, said Election to be held within the District on Saturday, November 15, 2025, and in the event the aforesaid proposition is carried for consent and authorization to levy and collect the Tax provided for by said proposition in the amount, for the purpose and for the number of years herein specified; and that a certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of the Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of such application.

Additional Notice Requirement. This Governing Authority made the announcement with respect to this Resolution required by La. R.S. 42:19.1, at its public meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025 and published said announcement in the Official Journal on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Such announcement was also transmitted via email to State Senators and Representatives on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

On motion by Sinagra and seconded by Ingraffia, the foregoing Resolution was hereby declared adopted on this the 14th day of July, 2025 by the following roll-call vote:

YEAS: Sinagra, Ingraffia, Joseph, Havis, Ridgel, Mayeaux, Vial, Cieutat

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Wells, Hyde
NOT VOTING: None

ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council

/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

EXHIBIT A
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a Resolution adopted on July 14, 2025, by the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of the District, qualified and entitled to vote at said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States of America, the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION

Shall Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa ("Road Lighting District No. 7") be authorized to renew the levy and collection of a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of Road Lighting District No. 7 (the "Tax") (an estimated $59,392.46 is reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2027, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2036, the proceeds of said Tax to provide funds to be used entirely and exclusively to acquire, improve and equip the system of road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of Road Lighting District No. 7, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith?

The special election will be held in at the following polling places situated in the District, and which polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 18:541). The Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners authorized to be selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors at the special election on Saturday, November 15, 2025, are hereby designated as the Commissioners-in-Charge and the Commissioners to serve at the following described polling places designated for this election, to-wit:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
00/070 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula City Annex, 110 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula
00/070A (PART OF)	Ponchatoula City Annex, 110 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula
00/072 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N Fifth Street, Ponchatoula
00/072A (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Community Center, 300 N. Fifth Street, Ponchatoula
00/073 (PART OF)	Ponchatoula Junior High School, 315 E. Oak Street, Ponchatoula
00/139 (PART OF)	Tangipahoa Parish Government Building, 15475 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond

The polling places set forth above and situated in the District, be and the same are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the special election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

A portion of the monies collected from the Tax shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in accordance with the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 11:82).

In accordance with La. R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v), the estimated cost of holding the election will be $17,500.00.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 5 and 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority as applicable thereto, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Tangipahoa Parish Gordon A. Burgess Governmental Building, 206 East Mulberry Street, Amite, Louisiana, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will then and there in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. All registered voters residing in the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in connection therewith.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Amite, Louisiana, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ David Vial
David Vial, Chairman
Tangipahoa Parish Council
ATTEST:
/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council
/s/ Robby Miller
Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF TANGIPAHOA

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Authority on July 14, 2025, ordering and calling a special election to be held in Road Lighting District No. 7 of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana (the "*District*") on Saturday, November 15, 2025, for the purpose of authorizing the renewal of the levy and collection of a ten (10) mills ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the tax collection for the year 2027, and annually thereafter to and including the year 2036, the proceeds of said tax to provide funds to be used entirely and exclusively to acquire, improve and equip the system of road lighting on the streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the District, and to provide funds to pay the operation and maintenance costs and expenses in connection therewith; and further making application to the State Bond Commission for consent and authorization to hold the aforesaid election; and further providing for other matters in connection therewith.

I further certify that this Resolution has not been amended or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my official signature as Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of Tangipahoa, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of the District, on this, the 14th day of July, 2025.

/s/ Jill DeSouge
Jill DeSouge, Clerk
Tangipahoa Parish Council

Publish: July 30
Cost of notice: $172.50

NOTICE

Owner: Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish

Project: W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025]

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of "W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025] for Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish" will be received by the President & Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish at the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 district office Meeting Room, 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466, until 10:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday, August 21, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of:

Cleaning, patch/seal and geopolymer lining of a 96"x120" corrugated metal pipe arched (CMPA) (100 LF) and catch basins (2 EA), clean and installation of cured in place pipe (CIPP) in 24"-36" pipe sizes (materials vary) (260 LF), installation of new catch basins (2 EA), install/open cut 36" Thermoplastic pipe (CPEP-DW/RPVCP), imported backfill (100 CY), installation of flowable fill (20 CY), construction/traffic signage, miscellaneous sitework & erosion control, and related work as called for on the drawings, indicated on the Bid Form, or reasonably implied.

Construction Budget: $250,000.00
Contract Term: 60 calendar days

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Spangler Engineering, LLC; 214 Southwest Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403; (985) 542-8665; Jay C. Pittman, P.E.; jay@spanglerengineering.com. Prospective Bidders shall obtain Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Monday-Thursday), and 8:00 am – 12 noon (Friday), and may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office as described herein.

Bidding Documents may also be examined at the Office of the District Administrator, Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish; 48571 Highway 51 North; Tickfaw, LA 70466.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents shall be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above upon payment of a deposit of $150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within ten (10) days after receipt of Bids (August 31, 2025) will receive a full refund ($150.00). Non-Bidders will receive a refund of $150.00 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Spangler Engineering, LLC". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 am (CST) on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the CGDD#1 Engineer's Office; 214 SW Railroad Avenue; Hammond, LA 70403. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Consolidated Gravity District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish, LA

By: _____

Title: Emile "Joey" Mayeaux, PRESIDENT, Board of Commissioners

Date: 16 July 2025

Publication dates: 07/16/2025; 07/23/2025; 07/30/2025; 08/06/2025; 08/13/2025

Cost of notice:$ 40.50

NOTICE

DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation

(12 Month)

SALARY: $37,730 - $54,240 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Family Resource Center, Hammond, LA

Tangipahoa Parish School System

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a High School diploma or

equivalency and one of the following:

• At least two (2) years of experience in an office or human resources setting,

• Successfully completed coursework leading to an Associate Degree in Office

Administration or Human Resources related area,

• Strong written and verbal communication skills,

• A Bachelor's Degree or higher in Office Administration or Human Resources preferred.

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be

submitted with the application

Applications for this position will only be accepted through the Frontline Recruit and Hire website:

www.applitrack.com/Tangischools/onlineapp/. Paper applications and/or email scanned attachment(s)

will not be accepted or processed for consideration.

Submit your application through the Frontline Recruit and Hire portal before the deadline of July 31,

2025, even if a previous paper application is on file with TPSS Human Resources. Previous paper or

email applications will not be considered.

IMPORTANT: Interviews will be tentatively scheduled the week of August 11, 2025. However, the date

may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please be advised that all applicants who apply for this

position should check their Frontline email account daily, including their SPAM folder, for

communications regarding this advertisement.

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on

the basis of race, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

DATE ADVERTISEMENT POSTED: July 22, 2025

Publish: July 25,28 &30
Cost of notice: $ 23.50

NOTICE

6 Antoons, LLC d/b/a Becks Fried Chicken is applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the state of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of HIGH and LOW alcohol content at retail in the parish of Tangipahoa at the following address: 727 Ave. G, Kentwood LA 70444

6 Antoons, LLC
d/b/a Becks Fried Chicken
John Antoon
July 21, and July 23, & 30 2025

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
EST 1890

DATE: July 17, 2025

TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Melissa M. Stilley, Superintendent

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is excited to announce the continuation of the USDA Child Nutrition Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school year. As a result, parents/guardians will no longer need to complete a meal benefits application for their child(ren). To participate in this program, the only requirement is that the student(s) must be enrolled in one of the following Tangipahoa Parish public schools:

Amite Elementary Magnet	Independence Leadership Academy	Lucille Nesom Memorial
Amite High Magnet	Independence High Magnet	O.W. Dillon Leadership Academy
Amite Westside Middle Magnet	Jewel M. Sumner High	Perrin Early Learning Center
Champ Cooper Elementary	Jewel M. Sumner Middle	Ponchatoula High
Chesbrough Elementary	Kentwood High Magnet	Ponchatoula Jr. High
D. C. Reeves Elementary	Loranger Elementary	Roseland Montessori
Greenville Park Leadership Academy	Loranger High	Southeastern Laboratory
Hammond Eastside Elementary Magnet	Loranger Middle	Spring Creek Elementary
Hammond Eastside Middle Magnet	Martha Vinyard Elementary	Tangipahoa Alternative Solutions Program
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Obituaries

STEPHEN PAUL "SCOOTER" RUPERT

Stephen Paul "Scooter" Rupert sadly passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, in Covington, Louisiana, at the age of 78. He was born in New Orleans and lived there most of his life, until Hurricane Katrina when he relocated to Madisonville.

Stephen Paul "Scooter" Rupert

Scooter is the son of the late Walter "Pops" and Edris "Mumsey" Rupert. He was predeceased by his brothers Walter "Doody" (Gale) and Ashton (Hazel) Rupert. He is survived by brothers David (Cathy), Raymond (Celeste), Jon, and his sister Edris "Tootie" Madere (Pierre). Uncle Scooter is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Also surviving Scooter are two very dear lifelong friends – Paul Kinchen and Joe Newman.

Scooter was an auto mechanic working many years for Doody & Hank's Auto Repair. He also tended bar at the Golden Cue in Gentilly (the "neighborhood") where he spent many good times with many good friends. Scooter loved fast cars and fast motorcycles (and fast women). He enjoyed wetting a line and catching a few fish with his big brother David. He loved his pets – Frauline and Coco. He was a whiz with puzzles and never met one he couldn't complete in record time. He also enjoyed watching hummingbirds guzzling at his kitchen window and songbirds grazing in the backyard.

Scooter was a gentle soul with a big smile and a bigger heart, loved by family and all who knew him. He will be missed dearly.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the nursing staff at St. Tammany Hospital and St. Tammany Hospice for their compassion and excellent care of Scooter.

Friends and family are invited to attend a visitation at Bagnell & Son Funeral Home in Covington, LA, on Friday, August 8, beginning at 10am. A funeral service will follow at 12pm in the chapel.

Joseph Louis Felix Germond IV; 58; July 16; survived by his wife, Amanda Germond; daughter, Jubilee Germond; sister, Geralyn Germond; grown niece, Candice Dusset; in-laws, Terry and Lynn Tate, Sarah and Brandon Watson, Joshua and Callie Tate; one young niece and five young nephews; and his rescue pup, Pippy.

Theola Burton; 69; July 18; Arrangements entrusted to MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home.

Earl Sanderford; 70; July 18; Arrangements entrusted to MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home.

Nathan Paul Evans; 41; July 18; Arrangements entrusted to MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home.

Huey Patrick DeCoto; 89; Ponchatoula; July 19; survived by his wife, Hazel "Jean" Franklin DeCoto; daughters: Alisa Welch (Barry) and Nicole Dunn (Jon); and grandchildren, Shayna Meyers (Cole), Barry Welch, Jr. (Alyssa), and Lauren Ashley Welch.

Darrell Wayne Beauchamp; 65; July 20; Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home, 7803 Florida Blvd., Denham Springs, LA 70726, at 11am.

Seamore Samuel Green; 86; July 21; Viewing will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home, 7803 Florida Blvd., Denham Springs, LA 70726, at noon until the religious service at 12:30pm.

Congetta Rose Drago Polito; 81; Independence; July 22; survived by her children, Mary, John (Dianna), Michael (Missy), and Patricia Ann; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; brothers Tony, Sam, and Joe (Martha); sister, Lena; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Dennis L. Price; 71; Kentwood; July 23; survived by his wife, Shari Price; daughters, Cassie Simpson (C.J.) and Haley McMichael (Josh); grandchildren, Gabe, Brennan, Rhett, Waylon, Laurel, and Judd; sisters, Virginia McKenzie (Henry) and Sue Connelly (Phil); sister-in-law, Cindy Polk (Charles); and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

James "Jim" William Lyons, Jr.; 78; Springfield; July 23; survived by his wife, Linda Juhasz Lyons; children, Lisa Fernandez (Brian), Rick Searls, and Cindy Henderlick (Guy); step-children, Russell (Denise), Craig (Julie), Lisa, Angie, and Traci Loper; grandchildren, Camerick, Amanda, Samantha, Kourtni, Matthew, Kristin, and Cade; four great-grandchildren; sister, Leona; and numerous cousins.

Cathy Baker; 66; Ponchatoula; July 24; survived by her husband, Dennis Baker; sons, Chase and Juston Baker; sisters, Linda and Brenda Burgess; and granddaughter, Anna Baker.

Dominique Jade Burley; 29; Ponchatoula; July 25; survived by her daughter, Pi Cornwell; parents, Donna Martinez (Matthew) and David Burley Jr.; sisters, Denyelle (Malachi), Desalyn, and Lilly; grandparents, Janet Menant, Mark and Alecia Doussa; aunts, Robin (Ryan), Tiffany (Albee), and Isabella; cousins, Riley and Kaylee; niece, Koen; and nephews, Kash and Kohl.

Robert "Bob" Elie, Sr.; 90; July 25; survived by his wife, Jean; daughters, Wanda Recile (Anthony), Sharon Lee (Ricky), Gracie Colona (Mark), and Pam Hamilton (David); son, Bobby Elie; Kathy Shockley and Frances Catalanotto, who were like daughters; ten grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Betty (Buddy).

Tawanna "Wannie" Wagner; 58; Albany; July 26; survived by her father, Eddie Wagner (Barbara); sisters, Tressa McAlister (Carl) and Tiffney White (Heath); brother, Eddie Joe "Baby" Wagner (Sherry); several nieces and nephews; and numerous special friends.

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MEET & GREET

FROM PAGE 1

The answer is almost always yes, and your willingness to help makes their life easier and your kid's year smoother.

Then give that teacher a heartfelt thanks for taking your wild, wonderful child off your hands for seven-ish hours a day. Snap that obligatory Meet and Greet photo in front of the bulletin board, treat your kid to an ice cream for surviving new-classroom jitters, and rest easy knowing you just set the stage for a year of teamwork.

Meet, greet, repeat next August. You've got this.

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BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From July 23, 2025

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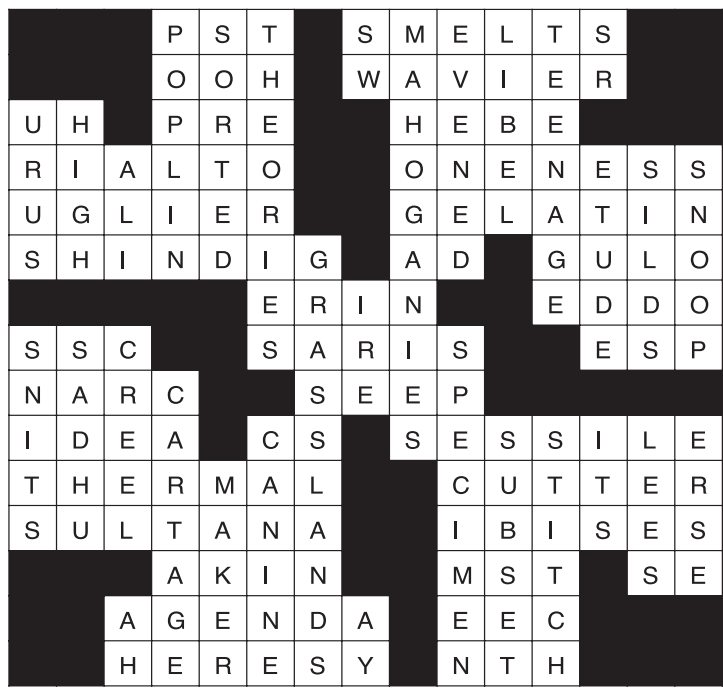
Make five words that can precede the word "bear" from the letters in the grid. The top row contains the first letter of each word, and each successive row has the next letter in each word. Start with the top left and move rightward to solve the teaser.

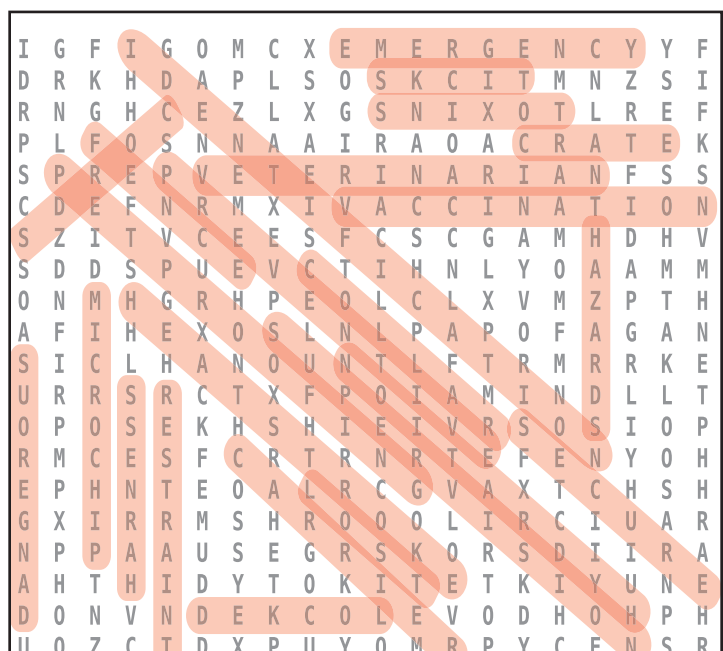
SOLUTION

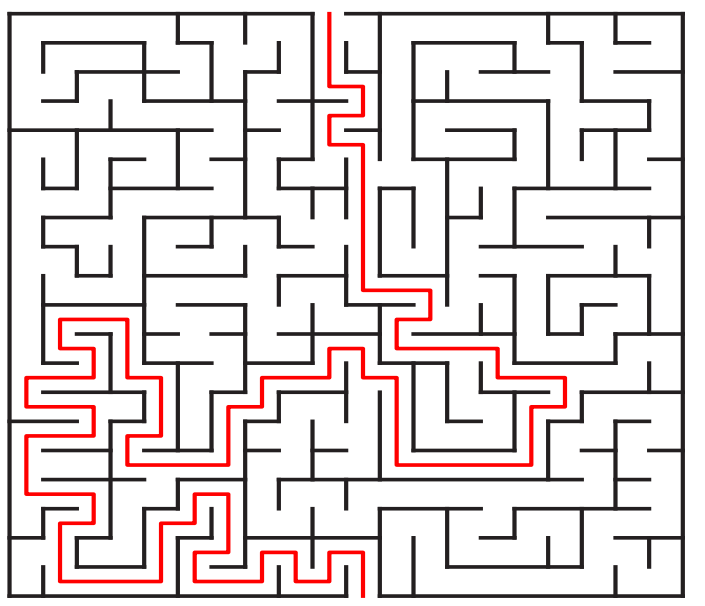
B	H	K	P	T
O	E	O	R	O
A	O	D	N	L
A	L	E	D	W
Y	R	N	A	Y

1. BROWN
2. HONEY
3. KOALA
4. POLAR
5. TEDDY

Congratulations to Captain Jim Mascair, Michele Leagans, Alice Stelly, and Dorenda Dupont for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!







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KIDS CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Navigate
5. Lot, 6. LA
7. Egg
8. Parks, 9. No

DOWN
1. Nature
2. Villager
3. Getaways
4. Trails

VETERANS

FROM PAGE 1

A few weeks before the festival, an annual event called the Julian Dufreche Strawberry Day in the Park is held in Memorial Park. Named for the beloved late father of Strader Dufreche Cieutat, a long-time mayor of Ponchatoula and Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court, the event includes attractions such as a cookoff, live music, and a car show.

The Veterans Celebration will loosely mimic the agenda of this event. On Saturday, November 1, 2025, a parade through the city of Ponchatoula will launch the celebration. Following the parade, in Memorial Park, there will be a classic car show, live entertainment, and several booths to inform veterans of services and resources available to them.

Since every parade needs a grand marshal, the two coordinators chose a fitting candidate for the role – Tangipahoa Parish's oldest living military veteran, Mr. George Van Zandt of Amite. Mr. Van Zandt is a 101-year-old World War II veteran, retired businessman, and a proud family man. Cieutat and Joseph surprised Mr. Van Zandt with the proposition of serving as the first grand marshal, and he eagerly accepted the honor.

The celebration is expected to last most of the day, including the parade and the subsequent celebration in Memorial Park. Cieutat emphasizes that while the event will take place in her district in Ponchatoula, it will celebrate and honor ALL Tangipahoa Parish veterans, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and enjoy the festivities.

In the weeks preceding the event, activities will blossom within the parish's schools. Cieutat, whose heart still beats in the educational environment where she once taught, plans to engage kids through door decorating contests and other exercises to build enthusiasm around the Celebration.

She also plans to include local businesses in the kids' interest tributary by asking them to hide toy soldiers in their shops. Kids will be invited to find the hidden icons and bring them to a veteran on the day of the Celebration and thank him/her for their service. Businesses will also have various sponsorship opportunities that will be announced soon.

All city and town halls will have registration forms available for veterans who wish to ride in the parade. Civilians can get involved by volunteering to drive a veteran in the parade, enter a classic car in the car show, or volunteer to help on or before the day of the event.

For more information on the Veterans Celebration, look for Ponchatoula Celebrates Veterans on Facebook and follow the Tangi Times for frequent updates.

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A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against **Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation** a/k/a **Louisiana Citizens Fair Plan** ("Louisiana Citizens").

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FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CLAIM

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If you meet these criteria, you are eligible to submit a claim under the settlement.

SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

Eligible claimants may receive a **payment of $4,500.00 per valid claim**. To qualify, you must submit a **properly completed CLAIM FORM** before the **DEADLINE** of **August 29, 2025**.

FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A CLAIM

To be considered for payment under the settlement:
- You must complete and sign a valid **claim form**; and
- It must be **postmarked by AUGUST 29, 2025**, and mailed to the **Court-Appointed Class Counsel**.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A VALID CLAIM BEFORE THE DEADLINE means your claim will be dismissed **with prejudice**, meaning you cannot pursue it in the future, and **you will not receive any compensation**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN A CLAIM FORM.
Contact Beevers & Beevers, LLP, Court Appointed Class Counsel, at **(504) 361-4287**
PRIOR to **August 29, 2025.**

Come out to the Ponchatoula Community Center for school supplies giveaways, boys' haircuts, food, games, and more. See you there!

Keeping It Real in REAL ESTATE

with Stacey Levin, RAM Properties

When Deals Fall Apart, So Do I

Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

This week, three real estate deals completely fell apart. Not delayed. Not "we're close." Just gone. Poof. Bye-bye. Over $20,000 in commission slipped through my fingers before I even had a chance to exhale or refill my coffee.

And if you think I didn't immediately start questioning my entire career, my finances, and my life choices… well, then you must not know me very well. Agents always say that you can't count your chickens until they hatch, but we all do!

Real estate has always been a rollercoaster. That's nothing new. But this week, it felt like the ride stalled upside down, and I was dangling there, out of breath, praying that my hair wouldn't get caught in the tracks.

The thing is, real estate was once a secondary income source: the fun money – the vacations, Christmas gifts, and college funds. But now? Now it's the income – the only income.

Since losing my husband, this job went from being what I loved doing to what I have to do. To provide for my kids, my home, and myself. And let me tell you, having $20,000 disappear in one week will test your faith, patience, and waterproof mascara.

To add to it, I had three separate agents tell me they were sending me offers this week on one of the deals that fell apart. Three! So, I shared the good news with my sellers.

I know I shouldn't have, but I needed the positivity in my life. I pumped them up because that's what we do, right? We believe in the best.

And then… nothing. Not a single official offer. No explanations. Just crickets and me having to go back to my people and say, "Well… I'm sorry, not sure what happened because the agent ghosted me."

Let me tell you, real estate will humble you. It will make you feel like a superhero one day and a door-to-door vacuum salesperson the next. And some weeks, it'll make you want to burn your signs and apply at Hobby Lobby for the employee discount.

And then, just when I thought I couldn't emotionally process one more thing, my daughter hit me with this little gem: "Mom, have you ever thought about moving out of Louisiana?"

Now, she didn't say it with anger. She wasn't being rebellious or bratty. She said it gently, with love, like she had been thinking about it for a while. But it still stopped me in my tracks.

Move? Leave this town, these people, these roots? This business I've built and the legacy I'm trying so hard to hold together with duct tape and prayer? Leave the place that holds the memories of my marriage, my RAM (RAM is actually my husband's initials) family, my clients, my relationships, my community?

I don't even know why she asked. I haven't found the words to ask her just yet. Maybe she sees something I don't. Maybe she sees what this place is costing me. Or maybe she's just ready for a change and wants me to think about what's next, not just what's always been.

So here I am. Sitting in my office (kitchen table), writing this article, wondering if I'm still where I'm meant to be, or if I'm just too afraid to let go of everything.

I know I'm not the only one. I know someone else out there is questioning their job, their direction, their worth. I know I'm not alone in wondering if this season is supposed to teach me something, release me from something, or both.

All I know right now is this: I'm tired. I'm frustrated. I'm a little scared. But I'm also still standing.

Because the truth is, whether I stay in Louisiana or move across the country, whether the deals close or collapse, I was built to weather storms. God made me and is with me. And even when everything feels like it's falling apart, I believe something better is being put together behind the scenes. God says so.

I am reminded often (it's in every single email I send) of the promise in Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

If you're out there feeling the same way, questioning your purpose or your paycheck, know I see you, and I'm walking it too.

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When A Pet Goes Missing: The Dos and Don'ts

By KASIA PERKOWSKA
Tangi Times Feature Columnist

It happened to me. Just writing about it makes me emotional, especially since I've always considered myself a responsible pet owner. I'm used to people contacting me when they've lost a pet bird, but when I was the one with the missing pet, all the advice I've given to others seemed to have completely escaped my brain. I couldn't think; I could barely function.

It was July 3, early afternoon, still too early for me to give my dog her calming drops and put her in her crate with all her toys, blankies, bed, and music, as I do every July 3 and New Year's Eve. I have a dog that cannot be comforted enough during thunder and fireworks. Someone set off a firework some distance away, and that was all it took for my dog, Bella, to take off running and disappear.

Usually, when a dog or cat runs away, we may think it's a good idea to give them a couple of hours to return, and fortunately, most pets do. However, it's essential to know every pet's individual personality.

Even though most dogs or cats go on to have themselves an adventure day at the expense of their owner's sanity, they return home safe, happy, and sometimes fuller than they were when they left if someone kind offered them food or treats. Then there are dogs like mine, where if something spooks them, they will find a spot to hide for the next three days, and there is no coaxing them out until they feel good and ready.

I drove around aimlessly and searched for almost the entire night with no luck, realizing how illogical I was being, because she could have gone in any direction. Despite trying with all my might to focus and think like a dog to figure out where she could be hiding, I had no clue and felt utterly helpless while my baby was out there in a ditch somewhere.

Over the years, I've seen hundreds of pets reunited with their owners as the word quickly spread on social media. When animal lovers unite, and everyone is on the lookout for a lost fur or feather baby, the chances of them being reunited with their owner become much higher.

I've also seen judgmental people attack a distraught pet owner whose pet was missing, and their hateful comments only added to the owner's stress and anguish. This can significantly reduce the chances of the pet being found, especially when hurtful comments influence the pet owner to delete their post, as suddenly, fewer people are aware that the dog or cat they just saw running past them could be someone's lost pet.

In my heightened state of upset, I tried and couldn't post a plea for help online the night she went missing, because I simply couldn't articulate the words sensibly. The fact that I couldn't form coherent thoughts surprised me, especially since many of us love to share what we would do in a particular situation. When emotionally upset and acting on pure adrenaline, though, thinking clearly takes a backseat, so we should show compassion and understanding.

When a pet is missing, the first recommended actions include hanging flyers in the neighborhood, posting online, and contacting local shelters and veterinarians to alert them to the missing pet. As luck would have it, my dog went missing on the Friday afternoon of a holiday weekend, so all shelters and veterinarians were closed.

It's vital to have several recent photos of the pet. I've seen people searching for their four-year-old dog, but they post a picture of the dog when it was still a puppy, saying that was the only photo they had. Markings, face shape, and various other things change from the time they were little to when they may go missing.

A recently groomed dog will look completely different than their long-haired version. I spend a good amount of time taking photos of my animals, so I was able to post pictures of Bella from every angle and show every distinguishing marking.

It's also crucial to describe your pet's personality. I hated to admit it, but my dog is an extreme biter, has bitten dozens of people over the years, including myself, so I knew anyone trying to approach, corner, or touch her could have gotten bitten. This had to be included in my post because I didn't want anyone harmed in case they found her and tried to secure her.

Any health-related issues, personality quirks, and behavioral issues should be included. A larger-than-necessary tag with all my information was on her collar, and I did include "I MAY BITE" in all capital letters in the event a stranger tries to help her one day.

For many pets, simply calling out their name will have them stop and at least turn around. However, a lot of our beloved pets also have favorite phrases that stop them cold and get their tails wagging. Bella may have responded to anyone saying, "You want an egg on it?" Any mention of her getting a raw egg gets her doing zoomies, and I've seen countless videos online of people's pets doing the same when their owner says their favorite

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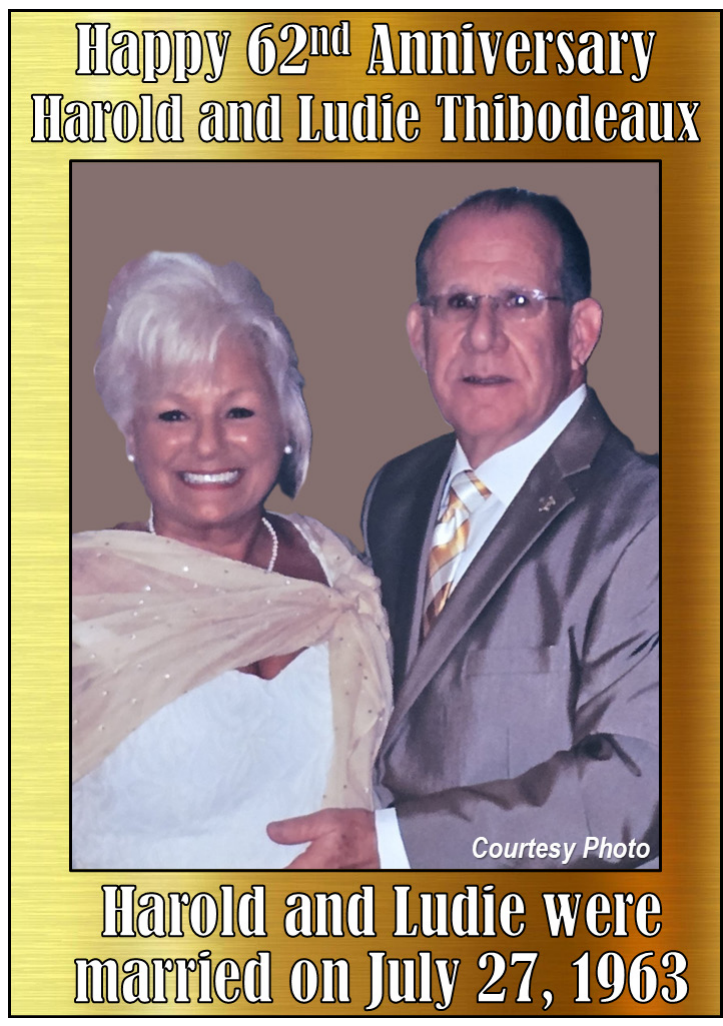

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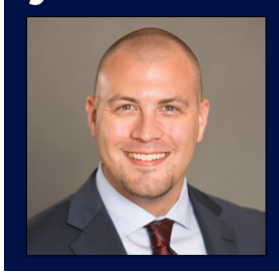

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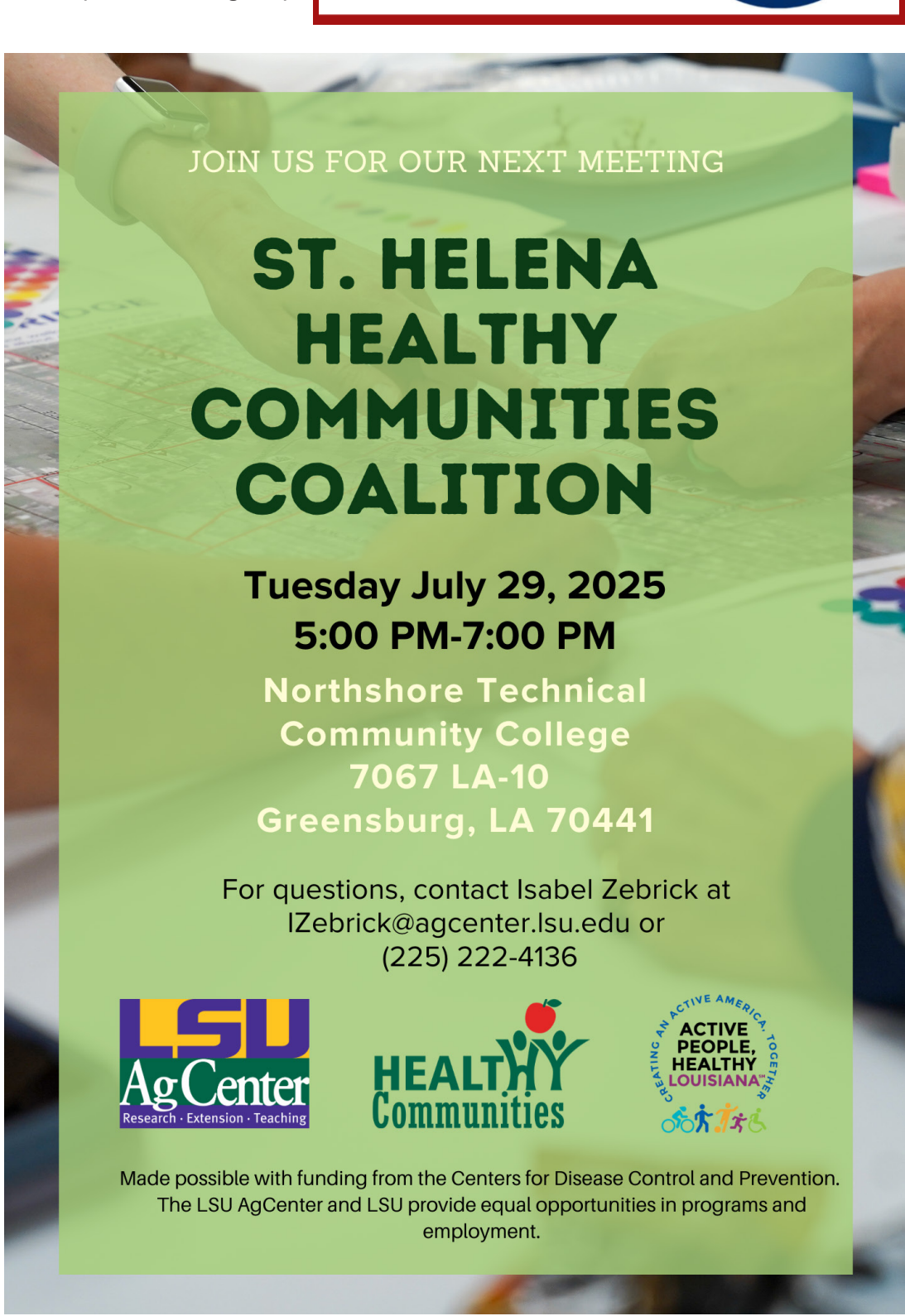
JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING
ST. HELENA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COALITION
Tuesday July 29, 2025
5:00 PM-7:00 PM
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phrase.

We never know, a stranger spotting our pet and saying our pet's favorite word or phrase may mean the difference between them coming towards a stranger because they said something familiar or running away from them. For many lost pets who are hungry, disoriented, and above all, scared, a familiar phrase may be the one thing that gets their attention.

There's also something sinister that many people with a lost pet may be unaware of. Something I expected, but when it happened, the weight of it shook me to my core. With the digital age comes very sophisticated scammers.

Not even an hour after I published my LOST DOG post online, I received a text from someone stating they saw Bella, and their neighbor had her. When I asked for a picture, I got the reply: "I'm at work, let me explain how this works…".

I immediately knew it was a scammer, and they confirmed it when they asked me for money to reimburse them for the crate and food they claimed they bought for her. They also provided an excuse for why they couldn't send me a picture.

For anyone upset over trying to locate their lost pet, reimbursing someone for their kindness seems harmless, and the amount seemed reasonable. This is a well-known scam in the animal rescue community.

Trying to extort money from someone during their time of despair and vulnerability is beyond cruel. Unfortunately, many people realize too late that the person they just sent money to someone who never had their pet, further adding to their anguish. An honest person wanting to reunite a pet with their owner will never demand payment or refuse to send a picture.

On Monday, July 6, I received yet another text, worded similarly, from someone claiming they had Bella. My heart fell as I was sure it was another scammer, but I obliged and asked for a picture, which I received almost immediately! Even when looking at her photo, I still couldn't believe it was real and asked for an address.

She had hidden at a fire station. It took two firemen to secure her, using fire safety gloves to protect their hands, because she did bite.

For those of us who may face such a devastating scenario, it's essential to know how to get the word out quickly and efficiently. Take a few minutes to capture photos of our fur and feathered babies, focusing especially on any distinctive markings or other features that may stand out. The more details available, the better our chances of being reunited with our pets should the need ever arise.

As for Bella, she's going on lockdown on Christmas Day this year, as I'm not taking any chances. Losing my dog once in this lifetime was enough.